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In re Application of	:	<b>OFFICE OF PETITIONS</b>
Thor Halseth et al.	:	
Application No. 09/633,793	:	
Filed: August 7, 2000	:	DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF
For: FLUID SAMPLING DEVICE WITH	:	INVENTOR AND PETITION UNDER
RETRACTABLE NEEDLE	:	37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT

Papers filed on January 4, 2002 (certificate of mailing November 13, 2001) in response to a "Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," mailed June 13, 2001, included a Declaration signed by previously nonsigning inventor Robert Hall in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot; this application does not have any rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application is being forwarded to the Initial Patent Examination Unit.

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